
**Thomas Jefferson to James Monroe, October 12,
1808, from Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe
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Washington Oct. 12. 08.

Dear Sir

Such was the accumulation of business awaiting me here that it was not till this day that I could take time to look into my letters to you. As my copies are with the Polygraph I can refer to the originals in your hands by the page and line.

Letter of Feb. 18. 1st paragraph to be omitted, being merely of private business. pa. 1. l22 perhaps the word "old" may be misunderstood, & therefore better omitted

Mar. 10. Omit the 1st paragraph, as merely of private business.

pa. 1. l. 13 strike out 'were I to take & to 'in it's justification that' and insert 'but' you will be readily sensible that this whole passage would have an unpleasant effect both as to myself & others if published.

L. 21 strike out 'still however& to the end of the paragraph in pa. 2.l14 for the reason preceding.

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Apr. 11. pa. 1. l. 12 strike out "I will state &c to page 3 l.22 'to wit' inclusive, and insert 'you observed' these details would be perverted & malignantly commented by our common enemies, and have bearings which render them improper for publication

pa. 5. strike out the last paragraph respecting LaFayette's affairs. Indeed the whole of these letters were written without the least idea that they would ever be before the public, and therefore, after stating the preceding omissions, I would rather trust your judgment than my own in deciding whether there be any thing more which had better be omitted whether as respects my self or others. To me it is desirable that the public should know the high estimation in which I hold both yourself & Mr. Madison, & that no circumstance has abated my affection for either. I salute you with sincere friendship & respect.Th. Jefferson

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